



Docket No.: 1594.1289

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Dae-Sung HAN et al.

Serial No. 10/681,136

Group Art Unit: 3749

Confirmation No. 6464

Filed: October 9, 2003

Examiner: Carl D. PRICE

For: COOKING APPARATUS

COMMENTS REGARDING STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

A Statement of Reasons for Allowance was forwarded in the Notice of Allowability mailed October 3, 2006.

MPEP §1302.14 states, in part:

Where specific reasons are recorded by the examiner, care must be taken to ensure that statements of reasons for allowance (or indication of allowable subject matter) are accurate, precise and do not place unwarranted interpretations, whether broad or narrow upon the claims. The examiner should keep in mind the possible misinterpretations of his or her statement that may be made and its possible estoppel effects.

The Examiner characterizes certain features of various claims. However, the Examiner has not recited the appropriate language for the appropriate claims as pending and allowed in the application.

By way of example, the Examiner's Reasons in the Notice of Allowability refer to a cover member extending from an edge of the cabinet top surface opening to cover an upper surface of the heat blocking member integrally formed a heating unit reflector member. However, none of



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the recited independent claims recite, "cabinet top surface opening to cover an upper surface of the heat blocking member integrally formed a heating unit reflector member," "wherein the cover member is downwardly inclined so that a material dropping from the grill unit is guided into the opening," or "wherein the heat blocking extends below a predetermined portion of the grill unit to reflect and block a part of the thermal energy transmitted to an edge of the grill unit" as described by the Examiner. Furthermore, independent claim 9 does not recite, "the heating unit is installed in the cabinet at a position offset from an effective grill part."

The foregoing is merely meant to be exemplary, and does not point out all of the discrepancies between the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance and the claimed features of the currently pending claims.

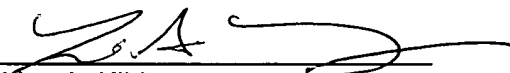
It is further submitted that the claims speak for themselves and should not be interpreted based on the Examiner's characterizations of same. It is also submitted that the claims provide their own best evidence as to the reasons for allowance.

In summary, it is submitted that the Examiner's Statement "raises possible misinterpretations... and possible estoppel effects" (M.P.E.P. §1302.14) and is therefore improper.

Respectfully submitted,

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